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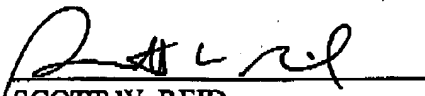
REMARKS

In response to the Official Communication dated June 8, 2004, Applicants respectfully
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the amendments delivered herewith and the remarks following below in support of the
patentability of the remaining claims. Claims 1 - 41 were originally presented with this
application. Claims 34-36 and 37-41 were canceled from the application without prejudice and
claims 1-3, 12-14, and 23-25 have been canceled herewith, also without prejudice. Claims 4-11,
15-22 and 26-33 remain in the application.

The Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's finding that claims 4-11, 15-22,
and 26-33 stand in condition for allowance. As this represents all of the claim remaining in the
application, Applicants respectfully request early notification of allowance. In the event the
Examiner feels that questions of patentability remain, the favor of a telephone call would be
appreciated to the Applicants attorney at the phone number given below in an effort to resolve
the issues.

Respectfully Submitted,


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